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MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Proposal for a Survey of NIE Use

1. In view of the fact that we have now had more than four years experience with the production of national intelligence estimates, I believe that it would be worthwhile to conduct an informal survey of the use which our consumers, the planners or policymakers, make of our NIE's. Such a survey would ascertain the extent to which and manner in which NIE's are used by the consumer as part of our continuing effort to make national intelligence estimates responsive to the consumer's needs.

2. I believe that such a survey would facilitate a review of the key questions of: (1) whether our NIE's are being circulated either on too restricted a basis or more widely than desirable; (2) who besides the NSC are the real ultimate consumers; (3) how extensively NIE's are actually used by these consumers; and, (4) the extent to which, as presently written, they meet these consumers' needs.

3. I propose to ask the Board of National Estimates to conduct an informal survey along the above lines, and to report its findings to the IAC, and would appreciate your comments on this approach.

/s/

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